

Postal Regulatory Commission


Washington, D.C. 20268-0001

NOTICE OF FILING UNDER 39 U.S.C. § 404(d)

TO THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE:

Please take notice that on October 13, 2011 the Commission received a petition for review of the Postal Service's determination to close the Ruth post office located in Ruth, Mississippi. The petition for review was filed by Bonnie Ard (Petitioner) and is postmarked October 6, 2011.

This notice is advisory only and is being furnished so that the Postal Service may begin assembling the administrative record in advance of any formal appeal proceedings held upon the alleged (closing/consolidation) for transmittal pursuant to 39 CFR § 3001.113(a) (requiring the filing of the record within 15 days of the filing with the Commission of a petition for review). The Postal Service's administrative record is due no later October 28, 2011.



Shoshana M. Grove
Secretary

Date: October 14, 2011

Attachment

Postal Regulatory Commission
901 New York Ave NW Suite 200
Washington DC 20268-0001
Docket Number 1438090-39662

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This is an appeal to keep the Ruth MS Post Office open.

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The final determination letter to Ruth Post Office stated Ruth only had 10 signatures on the petition. Residents volunteered nights and weekends, went door to door to get petitions signed, 504 of the 581 residents signed this petition. This petition was sent June 27, 2011 priority confirmation to the attention of Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson, district manager. This was done so there would be no confusion in the final decision. Someone in that office lost all but two sheets of the packet sent. Enclosed again is the full packet and delivery confirmation sent to Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson on June 27, 2011.

Topisaw Creek Water Association is more than 8 miles from Jayess Post Office more like 15 or 20 miles, they mail 1800 + water bills every month with approximately 400 late notices. This will impact them tremendously. Denbury Resources is a big company in Ruth which services and drills oil wells in Mississippi. These two companies will be tremendously impacted.

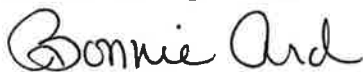
Pam Lowery Manager of Post Office Operations was unable to tell customers at the meeting at Topisaw Water on June 13 2011 how their mail would be addressed. Will it be Ruth Ms 39662 or Jayess Ms 39641?

Of all the Post Offices proposed for closure Ruth Ms 39662 is the only one on a main highway, all others are tucked away on a road to nowhere. Ruth captures revenue from Tylertown, Jayess, Monticello, Bogue Chitto, Summit and Brookhaven. This is the only Post Office people actually pass on the way to town.

Over the past 19 years Ruth has grown with an average of 12 customers per year. In the last 5 year span average growth has been 12 new customers per year. The mail volume at Ruth has grown not declined. These other offices proposed to close are not showing growth.

Before the final decision was made the facts were hidden. Instead of closing efficient working Post Offices, you might close down people who cannot keep a petition packet in it's envelope until the hearing was performed. This was valuable information and important to keep the community from losing their Post Office.

Again this is an appeal to keep the Ruth Post Office open. Residents of Ruth do care as shown by the petition.



Signature

Date 10-6-11

Bonnie Ard

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OCT 11 2011

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Enc: copy petition packet, original sent to District Manager June 27 2011 (41 sheets enclosed)